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Do It, Today

Dear Ann Landers: This letter is for the thousands, maybe millions of people in the country who should sit down and write to a mother, father, sister, brother, grandmother or good friend. Yet they have put it off because they think they have nothing of interest to say.

Modern life pulls families apart. It also makes heavy demands on our time and energy. We all know it is not easy to write a gem of a letter. Moreover, when most of us review the week's activities, they seem too dull to recount. Please take my word for it, friends, won't be dull to the person you are writing to. Just receiving a letter gives most folks a lift. Almost anything you say in a letter will be of interest if the person cares about you.

So don't wait for something spectacular to happen. Sit down today and write that letter you've been putting off. You'll feel good about it and you will make someone awfully happy.—T. M. M.

Dear T. M.—We all need an occasional nudge to do the things we know we should do. Thank you for this gentle prodding.

Dear Ann Landers: An aunt and uncle who raised my brother and me announced at dinner last night that they have purchased 12 burial plots "so we can all rest together." The plots are for my aunt and uncle, myself, my husband, our two children, my brother, his wife and their two children, and my grandparents, whose remains my aunt and uncle plan to have moved.

I said nothing when the announcement was made but later my husband and I talked it over and decided we don't want to obligate ourselves in this way. First of all, we feel that Aunt and Uncle should not have made such far-reaching plans for our children, who are teen-agers. They may want to be buried with their mates (assuming they marry) or they may want to be cremated and not buried at all. Furthermore, my brother's wife's family might have some objections. I did not discuss this with her, but I could see from the expression on her face that she wasn't too pleased with the idea either.

Aunt and Uncle have been wonderful to us and we don't want to hurt their feelings. Please tell us what to do.—TOO MUCH TOGETHERNESS.

Dear Too Much: It was presumptuous of Aunt and Uncle to expect you to accept their ground rules, if you will pardon the expression. The chances are good that they will predecease you, in which case you have plenty of time to decide what you want to do. In the meantime say "Thank you" and make no commitment.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a young girl with terrible looking legs. It's not that they are too fat or too thin; in fact, they are shaped rather well. The problem is that my legs are all blotchy from poison ivy and poison oak. I also have an ugly scar where I cut myself on a milk bottle when I was very young. The textured stockings and high boots are a blessing, but eventually they will go out of style and then what will I do? Do you know of a solution?—LOOKING AHEAD AND DREADING IT.

Dear Looking: If your legs are as unsightly as you say, you should see a physician about a procedure called abrasive planing. The outer layer of skin can be removed by a sanding process. This operation has proven highly successful in a great many cases.

Do you feel ill at ease... out of it? Is everybody having a good time but you? Write for Ann Landers' booklet, "The Key to Popularity," enclosing with your request five in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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City's Churches Plan Yule Observances

A Christmas week filled with caroling, parties, candlelighting services, and goodwill projects is in store for churches throughout the area.

The Chancel Choir of Walteria Methodist Church is rehearsing the Song of Christmas, to be narrated by the Rev. Charles Neigh at the annual Christmas Eve service. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

Selections will include "Joy to the World," "Savior, More Than Life to Me," "Alleluia, Christ is Born," "The First Christmas Carol," and "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child." Directed by Mrs. E. R. Harvey, the choir will be accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Robert Padelford. Soloists will be Mrs. Charles Neigh and Mrs. Ansel Ball, sopranos; Mrs. William Mitchell and Mrs. Betty Hardesty, altos; L. Daniels, tenor; and Wallace Shepard, baritone.

Regular Sunday services will be at 9 and 11 a.m., with child care provided.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church has scheduled a Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service at 11:15 p.m.

A cantata, "Even Unto Bethlehem" by Ira Wilson, will be presented by the choir of Central Evangelical United Brethren Church Sunday at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Irene Hay will direct the church choir and Mrs. Hilda Frindley will accompany the group on the organ. Soloists will be Joan Huber, Winifred Ruppel, and Irene Hay, sopranos; Carl Pisel, Stanley Stanton, tenors; and Glenn W. Briney, bass.

The nativity will be depicted in a tableau with members of the church taking the roles of the principal Christmas figures. Each Sunday morning during advent, the church has presented a different

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scene leading up to the birth of Jesus. The following Sunday, a visit of the Three Wise Men will be depicted in the living picture.

Church members also plan a communion service Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

The Junior Choir of Narbonne Avenue Baptist Church (ages 9 through 12) will sing "Lo! A Star" by Gra-

ham at the 11 a.m. Sunday service. Mrs. James Hardy is choir director.

That evening at 7, a Christmas Eve vesper service and observance of the Lord's Supper will be held.

High school and college age members of the First Baptist Church are planning to give a party Friday for the Golden Agers, a group of church senior citizens. The young peo-

ple will present a choral cantata, treat their guests to refreshments, and then escort them on a city tour to view Christmas lights.

Sunday services at 8:15 and 11 a.m. will feature a sermon entitled "Fear Not" delivered by the Rev. Harold L. Fickett, pastor.

Five choir directors from the church will give a program of traditional Christmas music at the Christmas Eve

vesper service beginning at 6 p.m. Christine Broadus, and Bill Fuqua will narrate the Christmas story.

The church's annual Christmas Tree Offering for missions will be taken Christmas Eve. This year's collection has been designated for missions in India and the Philippines.

"A Song, A Star, A Son" will be the sermon theme this Christmas at the First Methodist Church of Torrance. Services will be held Sunday at the usual morning hours, with the traditional family communion service planned for 7 p.m.

At 11 p.m., church members will gather for their midnight candlelighting service, featuring a choir program of traditional yuletide music.

Junior and senior high school students of the church will sing Christmas carols (Turn to Page D14)

AT MUSIC CENTER

Holiday Music Program Slated

Twelve hours of continuous Christmas music and singing will highlight the yuletide season during the day and evening Saturday with the presentation of the eighth annual Christmas Music Program sponsored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the County Music Commission.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, chairman of the program since its beginning, has announced that, as in the past, more than 1,000 persons will perform in choral groups, symphony orchestras, and as soloists, both instrumental and vocal.

The impressive Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center, First Street and Grand Avenue, will provide the background for the inspirational program.

THE ENTIRE program is open free to the public and free parking is provided in the Music Center garage and adjacent county-operated lots.

Supervisor Hahn, who in 1959 initiated this world's longest, continuous Christmas music program, said it is one event of the year during which all citizens can enjoy the beauty of the Music Center and the joyous music of Christmas without charge.

"It is my sincere hope that everyone will take advantage of this outstanding presentation of hymns and traditional carols and accept our invitation to join us in this annual observation of the Christmas season," Hahn said.

AS IN THE past, the entire 12-hour program will be broadcast live over radio station KRHM-FM 102.7 and

television station KCET (channel 28).

The array of talent among soloists and choral groups will include many gifted children, and will feature many of Southern California's outstanding church choirs. Also participating in the day-long program will be brass and string ensembles; a cappella and madrigal singers.

Speech Tourney Planned

An estimated 500 high school speech students from this area will converge on El Camino College Jan. 6 to compete in the Phi Rho Pi Speech Tournament, sponsored by the El Camino chapter of the honorary junior college fraternity.

Students will compete in five categories: original oratory, dramatic interpretation, boys' extemporaneous, and girls' extemporaneous.

In the original oratory category, the contestant must have prepared his speech during the current school year. Dramatic interpretation and humorous interpretation must be given from recognized literary works such as published short stories, monologues, plays, prose, poetry, or cuttings from plays.

Trophies will be awarded to first three places in each of the five contests. Certificates will be awarded to the top 20 per cent in each division.

COUNT MARCO

Don't Buy Your Boss That Gift

A few years ago, I wrote a column about secretaries who give Christmas gifts to their bosses. It's time to repeat my advice, because you girls are at it again.

If you are planning to go all out for your boss this Christmas, don't. Not only is it poor taste for each secretary to try to outdo her working girl friends, it embarrasses your employers. Their wives kid them — and then give the gift away.

This is what one employer told me. He was particularly concerned because he knew of secretaries who skimped on gifts for their own families after spending most of their shopping money on a pretentious gift for the boss. He complained that their mothers should have trained them to know better.

He suggested that a birthday gift of a rose in a bud vase is appropriate and in good taste. It expresses appreciation for the pleasure of working for such a fine man. But for Christmas, just a card.

peculiarly American custom, I was horrified. In Europe, it is usually the secretary who receives the gifts. I had no idea that, in this country, women tried to buy their jobs or hang on to them through such blatant bribery.

It is indeed poor taste for an office girl to give expensive presents to an employer. Particularly if the boss has it in the back of his mind to fire you right after the holidays.

If he's married, he has to drag your foolish gift home and face a wife's hysterical laughter when he sheepishly shows it to her. Her image of him is probably different from yours, to say the least. After all, you see him only when he is on his good behavior at the office, while she knows him rather more intimately in the relaxation of his home.

I suggest that you take this advice: No gifts for the boss. You may feel guilty the first time, but, if you attach this column to your Christmas card, I'm sure he'll understand.



CHRISTMAS BUNDLE... Ready to take their new baby, Susan, home from Torrance Memorial Hospital are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gazeley. Mrs. Gazeley cuddles the baby while Registered Nurse Aileen Wagner presents a shiny Christmas decoration to Susan's father. A Christmas ball is given to each child born at the hospital in December. Babies are sent home in red Christmas stockings created by members of the hospital auxiliary. (Press-Herald Photo)

Boys Have Edge In Annual Race

Boys are ahead in the sixth annual December baby derby at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

During the past five years, December boy babies have out-numbered December girl babies 217 to 210. Top year for the boys was 1964 with the score standing at 48 to 44.

The year 1962 proved to be a December upset in favor of the girls. They out-numbered the boys 55 to 51.

TO ADD to the spirit of Christmas at the hospital, a pink and a blue Christmas tree are contributed to the nursery by hospital employees. For each infant born, a Christmas ball is added to the appropriate tree, depending on whether the baby was a boy or a girl!

Before being placed on a tree, a Christmas ball is inscribed with the baby's name and date of birth in glitter paint. The ball is then given to the parents when the baby goes home.

The idea for the nursery Christmas trees was conceived by Jean Kresse, business office supervisor, who takes charge of decorating the hospital for the season.

ALL DECEMBER babies, regardless of sex, are sent home in bright red Christmas stockings made and donated by the Torrance Memorial Hospital auxiliary.

Leonard Ensminger, hospital executive vice president, said that Torrance Memorial's obstetrical and nursery departments continue to play an important part in the hospital's growth.

"More than 34,000 babies, enough to populate a city, have been born here," Ensminger stated. "Plans for the new hospital we're building

call for an even larger obstetrical department. Contrary to a recent report, however, the hospital intends to continue operation of its existing obstetrical facilities."

PROFILE: VERNON W. COIL

City Clerk's Main Task Is Keeping the Records

Keeping track of all official records for the City of Torrance is a full-time job for City Clerk Vernon W. Coil. His office is now in the midst of a mammoth task—microfilming all the city's past records.

Coil describes the project as a "tremendous task," noting that the job calls for weeding out a great amount of unneeded material. His staff plans to tackle the 30 files of Building Department records next. They hope to compact these records into two microfilm files.

In addition to maintaining public records, Coil prepares and distributes the agenda for all City Council meetings from material submitted by the various city departments.

Coil is also in the forefront at election time, handling arrangements for the conduct of municipal balloting. He also distributes voter information and oversees voter registration. Checking election returns is also within his purview.

Coil is himself a publicly elected official. Elected in April, 1962, Coil's term of of-

Seek New Funds For Rose Float

Nearly \$1,000 is still needed to finance the Torrance float entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade New Year's Day, Robert H. Vroman, chairman of the community float committee, said today.

He said the float frame and

body is now completed and awaits flower decorating by some 200 Torrance volunteer decorators beginning Dec. 29.

Vroman said the large number of contributions received to date from local businesses and residents is gratifying, however, an additional \$967 is needed to pay for the \$8,000 float.

Four Films Scheduled In January

Four color film specials are slated for the Joslyn film and lecture series Friday, Jan. 5, at the Joslyn Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The first is entitled "Rendezvous in the Reef," an underwater movie depicting the world of barracuda, shark, and the savage moray eel in the clear-blue waters of the Bahama Reefs.

The second is "Discover Hawaii," a pictorial which explores natural and man-made wonders of the islands, all from a helicopter.

The third film, "Beyond the Valley," is a study of the people and industry of Puerto Rico. This film was an award winner in the American Film Festival.

"Island Oddities," the final movie, is the story of the 6,000 islands in the Bahama group and the unusual land, sea, and air creatures that live there.

The film series is sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.

THE FLOAT, based on the theme "Romance of Early California," will be 42-feet long and contain 100,000 chrysanthemums, 50,000 vanda orchids, and 25,000 red and yellow roses.

The charm of the early days in California will be reflected in the unusual large scroll design, which will have a large mosaic of a California mission in flower petals.

Riding the float this year will be Susan Foster, the reigning Miss Torrance, who will be costumed in a Spanish lace gown and lace mantilla. With her will be Carson E. Scheller who will be dressed as a caballero of the early days.

SHELLER is a descendant of Juan Jose Dominguez, the Spanish soldier who was first granted the historic Rancho San Pedro in 1784. The present city of Torrance occupies almost 21 square miles of the original rancho.

Vroman asked that everyone make a contribution, whether it be large or small, to the float fund. Checks should be made payable to the Torrance Tournament of Roses Assn. and mailed to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1510 Cravens Ave.



VERNON W. COIL

office is four years. He plans to seek re-election next year.

Before joining the Torrance team, Coil worked for 20 years in the fireworks business, describing his former duties as primarily "public relations" work.

Practically a native of Torrance, Coil has lived here since June, 1927. His wife, Pauline, is also a long-time resident of the area, graduating from Torrance High School.

Mrs. Coil was the 13th child in a family of 14 youngsters. She has been executive secretary to the superintendent at Rome Cable, Torrance, for the past 15 years.

The Coils were married on Feb. 22, 1942. Their two sons, Larry and Donald, live in Redondo Beach and Torrance, respectively. A more recent addition is grandson Carey Coil.

A veteran of World War II, Coil served for eight months overseas as an aerial gunner in 1943. Assigned to the "Evil-Eye Egbert" flying fortress, Coil flew 50 bombing missions from North Africa over France, Italy and Greece.

With the excitement of bombing days in the past, Coil limits his hunting to the bird and deer of Northern California when he can get away from official duties. Salmon fishing is another favorite pastime.